

Claims

Please amend claims 23 and 26.

Please cancel claims 19, 24, 25, and 28-31, without prejudice.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said central loop further comprises an open back portion that allows said second object to be placed within said central loop, wherein said open back portion holds to said structure.

4. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said holding portion is formed to fit a banister.

5. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said holding portion has a shape similar to a shape of said structure, so that said holding portion at least partially fits snugly on said structure.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said apparatus is fabricated from a shape conforming material so that said apparatus may be flexed out of an original shape when a force is provided to said holding portion, and said apparatus returns to said original shape when said force is removed.

11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the frictional element further comprises a two-sided adhesive tape.

12. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said holding portion has a shape similar to a shape of a banister.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the frictional element further comprises a thin, rubber pad.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Withdrawn) The support of claim 16, wherein said means for holding has a shape similar to a shape of said structure, so that same means for holding at least partially fits snugly on said structure.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for displaying one or more objects on a structure, the apparatus comprising:

a holding portion permitting the apparatus to be mounted to the structure, wherein the holding portion is in the shape of an upside-down L having an elongated horizontal portion that meets an elongated vertical portion of the holding portion at approximately ninety degrees;

an enclosed central loop permitting display of a second object, the enclosed central loop having a top portion, a bottom portion, a front portion, and a back portion, wherein the top portion horizontally meets the elongated horizontal portion of the holding portion so that the top portion of the enclosed central loop and the elongated horizontal portion of the holding portion make one elongated horizontal surface, the enclosed central loop being enclosed on a the top portion, a the bottom portion, a the front portion, and a the back portion of the enclosed central loop, the enclosed central loop being open on a left side portion and a right side portion of the enclosed central loop so as to allow the second object to be situated therein, and the back portion of the enclosed central loop being a portion of the ~~holding portion~~ elongated vertical portion of the holding portion, and

a hook permitting display of a first object, the hook being an extension of the back portion of the enclosed central loop, and the hook being open in a vertically upward direction so as to allow the first object to be retained thereon by means of gravity,

~~wherein the holding portion has an elongated top portion extending in a horizontal direction that is substantially perpendicular to the vertically upward direction, and~~

wherein the holding portion has a frictional element capable of reducing mobility in the horizontal direction, the frictional element being present only on a vertically downward-facing surface of the elongated ~~top portion~~ horizontal surface of the holding portion, the vertically downward direction being substantially opposite the vertically upward direction.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 24 23, wherein a proximate portion of the hook, being proximate to the back portion of the enclosed central loop, is bent relative to the elongated ~~side portion~~ vertical portion of the holding portion such that an imaginary line is a direction extending the proximate portion of the hook would form an obtuse angle with the ~~top portion~~ elongated horizontal surface of the holding portion.

27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the holding portion, the enclosed central loop, and the hook are a single solid structure.

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Cancelled)